

HOUSE No. 1404

By Mrs. Teahan of Whitman, petition of Kathleen M. Teahan relative to establishing a pilot program to the basin water resource management plan of the Taunton River. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM RELATIVE TO THE TAUNTON RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, there shall be a pilot program, subject to appropriation,
3 to establish a Taunton River Basin Water Resource Management
4 Plan for the purpose of collecting, treating and discharging and for
5 protecting or enhancing ground water quality and quantity, and
6 stream flows in order to support environmental protection and
7 sustainable residential and economic development in the spirit of
8 the state and regional smart growth policies based on the execu-
9 tive office of environmental affairs proposal for watershed work
10 affecting water quality — wastewater quality — wastewater dis-
11 charges and stormwater discharges and potentially followed by
12 more detailed, focused efforts reflecting initial findings with
13 monies appropriated to be used in conjunction with other such
14 funds as may be available provided that the pilot program shall
15 directed by the Old Colony Planning Council.

16 The Taunton River Basin Water Resource Management Plan
17 shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways
18 and means and the joint committee on the natural resources every
19 6 months on the activities, procedures, performance, operation,
20 implementation and cost of said pilot program

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on September 1, 2005
2 and shall expire on June 30, 2006.